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Application No.: 10/655,985)
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Filing Date: September 5, 2003)
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Applicant(s): Guoming G. Zhu et al.)
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Group Art Unit: 2863)
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Examiner: Michael P. Nghiem)
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Title: Methods Of Diagnosing Open-)
Secondary Winding Of An)
Ignition Coil Using The)
Ionization Current Signal)
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Attorney Docket: 46107-0091)

**REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME; and
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to (i) the Advisory Action dated March 1, 2006, and (ii) the Final Office Action dated January 17, 2006 for which the three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 17, 2006. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to file this Amendment and Response and enclose a check herewith to cover the appropriate fee.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.